

DISMAL DAY FOR WYCOMBE

Sports Mail Special Report

Wycombe Wanderers desperately chasing the Isthmian League title failed dismally against Amateur Cup holders, Wealdstone, and were defeated 7-0.

Wealdstone: Blythe; Doyle, Leonard; Townsend, Quick, Warman; Searle, Harper, Childs, Lindsay, Gremer. Sub: Dillsworth.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Beck, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Busby, Merrick, Samuels, Bates. Sub: Hunt.

Ref: K W Sutliss (Rainham, Essex).

Wycombe's right back Beck played LINDSAY on-side and the England international made no mistake sending Maskell the wrong way.

The visitors were in deeper trouble after 19 minutes when Wycombe's defence was split open and the unmarked CHILDS netted.

In the 36th minute Wealdstone lost their top marksman, Hugh Lindsay, with a knee injury after a goalmouth clash with Maskell. However, Lindsay was back in action four minutes later.

Half-time: Wealdstone 2, Wycombe Wanderers 0.

Wycombe's hopes of salvaging a point hit rock bottom after only a minute of the second period as the home side added a third goal. Townsend's free kick was punched out by Maskell, the ball was lobbed back into the

goal mouth and DILLSWORTH, substituting for Lindsey, scored with his first kick of the match.

In the 69th minute Rundle failed to clear a through ball and DILLSWORTH, seizing on the mistake, slipped the ball home.

A minute later DILLSWORTH completed his second-half hat-trick. The referee ignored the Wycombe appeals for offside.

Wealdstone added No. 6 in the 77th minute when the home side were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box. CHILDS took the kick, which hit the defensive wall and spun into the net with Maskell caught on the wrong foot.

Wealdstone were reduced to ten men one minute later as Childs went off holding his shoulder. As a result Wycombe came more into the game and Merrick nearly scored but the keeper turned his shot wide.

Almost on the stroke of full-time, DILLSWORTH added No. 7.

RESULT
WEALDSTONE 7
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FOUR SECOND-HALF goals by substitute Eddie Dillsworth blasted Wycombe's Isthmian League championship hopes. Dillsworth, 21 today, scored a hat-trick inside 20 minutes after replacing international Hugh Lindsay at the interval, and for good measure scored a fourth in the last minute.

Wycombe, seeking revenge for a 3-2 home defeat, were not as outplayed as the 7-0 score suggests. But their defence was riddled by some brilliant attacking play.

Lindsay, hurt when he collided with goalkeeper Merrick, and Childs (two) were the other Wealdstone scorers.